Strike by truck operators

857. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the truck operators went on an indefinite strike in September this year on the issue of enhancement of permit fee;

(b) if so, what was the exact dispute and what steps were taken to resolve the issues; and

(c) for how long the strike continued and on what terms it was received; and how far the prices of essential commodities, increased during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Truck Operators went on nation-wide strike from the mid night of 15th September, 1993 against the decision taken by Transport Development Council in its meeting held on 18-8-993 regarding increase in Composite Fee on National Permits to Rs. 5000/-. On an assurance given by Government to resolve the issue by holding a special meeting of Transport Development Council, Truck Operators called off their strike on 28th September, 1993. The Transport Development Council in its meeting held on 1-10-93 have decided to accept two-tier system of Composite Fee. Now, it has been decided that the Composite Fee on National Permits would be Rs. 3000/- in all States except those seven States namely Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh which had abolished Pathkar with effect from 1-9-93. In these States the Composite Fee would be Rs. 5000/- in general there was no adverse effect on the supply of essential commodities during the strike period. However, some increase in the prices of vegetables wsa reported from some States.

The House then adjourned at forty-six minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House met at two minutes past twelve of the clock, The Deputy Chairman in the Chair.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : सदर साहिबा, यह माइक्रोफोन ख़राब है कि चल गया है। यहां तो वही नयी-नयी बातें हो रही हैं। जिस वक्त आप इरशाद फरमा रही थीं **(व्यवधान)**...

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ - یہ مائیکروفون خرابت ہے کہ چل گیا ہے - یہاں تو بڑی نئی نئی باتیں ہو رہی ہیں - جسوقت آپ ارشاد فرما رہی تھیں ... (مداخلت) ...]

It is not becoming of the House मैं आपसे दरख्वास्त करना चाहता हूं **(व्यवधान)**

میں آپ سے درخواست کرنا چاہتا ہوں ... (مداخلت) ...]

Whatever the fabrication of false cases, is it becoming of the Government? And what do we do to stop the Government from indulging in such mischievous methods, misuse of Government institutions? That is what I was saying but my microphone was discontinued .... *(Interruptions)*...

उपसभापति : अच्छा अभी पेपर्स तो ले करने दो **(व्यवधान)**..

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : सदर साहिबा, यह पेपर ले नहीं **(व्यवधान)** बिल्कुल नहीं **(व्यवधान)**

†[شری سکندر بخت : صدر صاحبہ یہ پیپر لے نہیں ... (مداخلت) .. بالکل نہیں ...]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid. S. B. Chavan *(Interruptions)*.

†[]Transliteration in Arabic Script.